

Did You Know:

- Over 800 veterans with spinal cord injury or dysfunction are managed through the Hines SCI/D Hub & Spoke system of care.
- The Hines SCI Center serves veterans in Illinois and parts of Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, South Dakota, and Wyoming.
- The Hines SCI Center provides a range of special services including: functional electrical stimulation, custom molded seating, pressure mapping for optimal wheelchair seating, environmental control unit evaluations, adapted driving instructions, eye gaze and voice activated computer use, individualized pressure ulcer care protocols, telemedicine, wheelchair sports, and home care services.

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HINES VA HOSPITAL SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER

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The Hines SCI Center is one of the four original VA SCI Centers and continues to provide a full range of services based on a continuum of care. We are a 58-bed comprehensive SCI Center providing acute medical treatment for Veterans with spinal cord injury or disease, as well as ongoing medical care and rehabilitation services. Our continuum of care includes two inpatient units, an outpatient clinic, home care services, and a 30-bed SCI Community Living Care Center. Our physicians provide primary care services for all of our Veterans throughout this continuum of care. Hines VA Hospital is accredited by JCAHO and the SCI Center's Acute Rehabilitation program is fully accredited by CARE.

Recently, the Hines SCI/D service developed an outpatient consultation clinic for Veterans with MS. The clinic is staffed by a Physiatrist, Nurse and Social Worker and focuses on a functional assessment and unmet psychosocial needs. The SCI/D National Telehealth Initiative has begun. Remote consultation with SCI/D staff and Veterans located throughout the SCI/D Hub and Spoke system is now available through the telehealth system. Finally, we have brought on a dedicated wound/ostomy nurse to provide consultation and care to both inpatient and outpatient SCI/D Veterans, both in person and through our SCI telehealth clinic.

Information regarding the Hines SCI/D service can be found at the following website:

http://www.hines.va.gov/services/spinal_cord/index.asp

Rehabilitation Outcomes

Data FY 2011 (10-01-10 thru 09-30-11)

- Number of Patients Discharged from Acute Rehab Inpatient: 22 Outpatient: 5
- Age Range: 23 to 93 years
- Males: 27 (100%) Females: 0 (0%)
- Average Total Length of Stay: 42 inpatient Days. This includes the treatment of all medical problems associated with an acute spinal cord injury or dysfunction, including surgery.
- Average Rehabilitation Length of Stay: 25 inpatient Days. This is the average amount of time to complete the acute rehabilitation program.

	Paraplegia	Quadriplegia
Avg Age (years)	65	60
Avg Hospital Length of Stay	44 days	40 days
Avg Rehab Length of Stay	22 days	28 days
% achieving mutually agreed goals	82%	57%
% meeting/exceeding benchmark outcomes*	67%	86%
% discharged home	92%	88%

- Patients who participated in the Outpatient Acute Rehab program averaged 11 visits with a range of 9 to 15 outpatient visits.
- 50% of Veterans participating in the acute rehabilitation program came from >90 miles away.

* Benchmark outcomes are based on private sector Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs).